

# 2002 EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

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- L1 201.1 p 57 Legislation Committee  
201.1. MEMBERSHIP OF ATHLETES  
All swimmers participating in events sanctioned by USMS must be registered with USMS or their nation's recognized Masters swimming governing body organization.  
**Rationale:** *HOUSEKEEPING to make language consistent within code.*
- L2 201.1.2 p 57 Legislation Committee  
201.1.2—Annual Registration  
Athlete registration is for the period January 1 through December 31 of each year. Swimmers applying for registration on or after November 1 shall be issued a registration card valid from the date issued through December 31 of the following year. Swimmers may register unattached or may affiliate with a club that is already registered for the same year for which the swimmer is registering.  
**Rationale:** *This clears up the individual interpretation of when a new registration takes effect. For a swimmer changing clubs, they are members of the new club, when the new annual registration card is issued, the old card is no longer valid. For example ,if I am issued a 2003 registration for Club ABC on 11/15/2002 and my 2002 card shows me on Club XYZ, I must swim as a member of Club ABC in any meets after 11/15/02.*
- L3 201.2.5 p 58 Legislation Committee  
201.2. REPRESENTATION  
201.2.5—A swimmer shall not represent any club in competition for 60 consecutive days before transferring affiliation to another club, unless this transfer takes place at the time of annual ~~re~~-registration...  
**Rationale:** *HOUSEKEEPING to make language consistent within code.*
- L4 501.1.3 (new) and 504.1 (new) p 79,81 Legislation Committee  
501.1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES  
501.1.3— Affiliate members, which are organizations that have an interest in Masters swimming. Organizations shall apply to the executive secretary for affiliate membership. Membership shall be granted or denied by the Board of Directors, and will be coincident with the individual member registration year. Dues for affiliate members shall be established by the Board and entitle each affiliate member to one delegate to the House of Delegates. Additional delegates may be granted by a majority vote of the Board  
501.1.4— Allied members, which are organizations that have an interest in Masters swimming, and also have a national swimming program, national competition that provides for athlete development, due process, a rule book, and an officials training program. Organizations shall apply to the executive secretary for allied membership. Membership shall be granted or denied by the Board of Directors, and will be coincident with the individual member registration year. Dues for allied members shall be established by the Board and entitle each allied member to one seat on the Board of Directors and one delegate to the House of Delegates. Additional delegates may be granted by a majority vote of the Board  
501.1.3 renumber 501.1.3 to 51.1.5  
  
504.1. MEMBERSHIP  
The House of Delegates of the corporation shall consist of the following:  
504.1.6—Delegate representatives from affiliate and allied members.  
504.1.6 and .7 renumber 504.1.6 and .7 to 504.1.7 and .8  
  
506.1. MEMBERSHIP  
The Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of:  
506.1.6— The liaison from each allied member.  
Add 506.1.6  
**Rationale:** *This language defines our an additional class of USMS membership to address our relationship with other organizations. This has been proposed to response to a request from the USOC and USA-Swimming*

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*for Masters to codify how we are related to other organizations. These two new membership categories are modeled after USA-Swimming.*

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- L5 502.6 p 80 Legislation Committee  
502.6. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS  
Appendix D contains official names and boundary descriptions for each LMSC.  
503.1. ZONE BOUNDARIES  
Appendix D contains official names and boundary descriptions for each of the zones.  
**Rationale:** *To insure an LMSC or Zone does not change it's official name, without due process.*
- L6 507.2.6 p 85 Legislation Committee  
507.2. ZONE COMMITTEE  
507.2.6—The committee shall function as the ~~Nominating~~ Election Committee as described in article 505.2.3.  
**Rationale:** *Housekeeping, to fix the reference to the duties of the Zone Committee, that was approved last year.*
- L7 507.3 p 85-87 Legislation Committee  
507.3. STANDING COMMITTEES  
507.3.1—Championship Committee  
The Championship Committee shall consist of the committee chair and at least three members ...  
507.3.5—Finance Committee  
The Finance Committee shall consist of the committee chair and at least one member from each zone...  
507.3.10—Legislation Committee  
The Legislation Committee shall consist of the committee chair and two members from each zone...  
507.3.11—Long Distance Committee  
The Long Distance Committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than sixteen additional members, with at least one member from each zone ...  
507.3.14—Planning Committee  
The Planning Committee shall consist of the committee chair and at least one member from each zone...  
507.3.16—Recognition and Awards Committee  
The Recognition and Awards Committee shall consist of the committee chair and USMS-registered Ransom J. Arthur Award recipients and additional member...  
507.3.18—Registration Committee  
The Registration Committee shall include the committee chair and one member from each zone and one member-at-large...  
507.3.19—Rules Committee  
The Rules Committee shall consist of the committee chair and two members from each zone...  
**Rationale:** *Corrects the code to reflect our practice of selecting the members of committees in addition to the chair, when specifically required by code.*
- L8 601. p 91-93 Legislation Committee  
601 Amendments  
601.1.3—Legislation  
Proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Preamble, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Glossary, Part 2: Administrative Regulations...  
601.4.3—Legislation  
In odd-numbered years, the Preamble, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Glossary...  
601.4.4—Proposed Amendments Requiring Action of More Than One Committee  
B Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Appendix D, the Preamble, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, ...  
Summary of Amendment Procedures  
Legislation (Preamble, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives

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**Rationale:** *To add the same due process to changes to our Mission Statement as are in place with our preamble*